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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1369

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA, BC
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESENTATION OF TALKING POINTS TO GOB

REF: (A) STATE 119868, (B) GABORONE 1368

1. FOLLOWING GOB DEBRIEFING ON NKOMO VISIT (REF B), MINEXTAFF
MOGWE INVITED UK HICOM AND ME TO STAY AND FRG AMB TO JOIN US
FOR MY PRESENTATION OF TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA (REF A).
WHICH I MADE AT COLLEAGUES' REQUEST. AS AGREED IN ADVANCE
WITH UK HICOM, I ADDED THAT PRESIDENT KHAMA'S PUBLIC SUPPORT
FOR CG PROPOSALS (GABORONE 1295) MEANT THAT WE HAD IN ADDITION TO
THANK HIM FOR HIS STAND AND ASK THAT HE CONTINUE TO MAKE
IT KNOWN TO SWAPO.

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2. IN RESPONSE, MOGWE COMMENTED THAT WE WERE "PREACH-
ING TO THE CONVERTED". HE ADDED GOB WAS ALSO UNHAPPY
ABOUT SAG MILITARY INCURSIONS INTO ANGOLA; HE THOUGHT IT
MADE EVEN MORE EVIDENT THE IMPORTANCE OF ANGOLA'S
"ENCOURAGEMENT" OF SWAPO ACCEPTANCE OF CG PROPOSALS.
MOGWE ASKED ABOUT ACCESS TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WHICH
LED TO REVIEW OF UK AND FRENCH DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

THERE.

3. IN ASSESSING SWAPO POSITION, MOGWE SAID HE FOUND GIRIRAB INTELLIGENT AND SOMEONE "WITH WHOM ONE CAN DISCUSS MATTERS IN A REASONABLE WAY". HE NOTED THAT SOME LEADERS, INCLUDING NKOMO, ARE TRULY IN CHARGE AND CAN MAKE DECISIONS; OTHERS ARE FIGURE HEADS. HE REGARDED NUJOMA AS A "PUPPET" CONTROLLED BY HIS CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR LEGWAILA SAID HE THOUGHT NYERERE COULD "PUT PRESSURE ON NUJOMA" THAT WOULD CAUSE THE LATTER TO RESUME TALKS.
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